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STRUCTURE, AND COATING

COMPOSITION FOR USE IN FORMING A

POROUS SILICA LAYER

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.